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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Caddo Valley Railroad Company Abandonment; Docket No. AB 1076 (Sub-No. 1X) and Docket No. AB 1076X; Formal Expression of the Southwest Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority's Intent to File Offer of Financial Assistance

To the Secretary of the Board:

My firm represents the Southwest Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority (the "Intermodal Authority"). Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board Notice of Exemption published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2011, the Southwest Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority hereby advises the Board and parties of record of its intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance ("OFA") under 49 CFR 1152.27. The OFA is to purchase all the Norman Branch Line the Caddo Valley Railroad Company is attempting to abandon, more specifically: (1) the portion of the Norman Branch Line extending between milepost 447, near Antoine, to milepost 479.2, at the end of the line at Birds Mill, a distance of 32.2 miles, in Clark, Pike, and Montgomery Counties, Arkansas (Docket No. AB 1076X); and (2) a segment of the Norman Branch Line extending between milepost 429.45, near Gurdon, and milepost 447, near Antoine, a distance of 17.55 miles, in Pike and Clark Counties, Arkansas (Docket No. AB 1076 (Sub-No. 1X)).

In connection with this notice of intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance, the Intermodal Authority requests that applicant carrier provide the information set forth in 49 CFR 1152.27(a) including the minimum purchase price required to acquire the Norman Branch Line. We also request that Caddo Valley Railroad Company provide its most recent report on the physical condition of the involved line and traffic, revenue and other data necessary to determine Caddo Valley Railroad Company's estimate of net liquidation value of the line together with supporting data reflecting available real estate appraisal, assessments of the quality and quantity of track material in the line and removal cost estimates used to obtain the net liquidation value.

Since it is unlikely that this information can be provided to the prospective offeror prior to the due date of the OFA, the offeror requests the Board to toll the thirty-day period for submitting offers of financial assistance for an additional thirty days in order to provide offerors

with an adequate opportunity to review and analyze the material provided by applicants and submit their OFA. This will not prejudice the interests of applicant carrier or any other party.

Sincerely,

**QUATTLEBAUM, GROOMS,
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